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SUBJ: MEXICAN COMMENTS ON ECHEVERRIA VISIT

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1. AS WE SURMISED FROM PRESS COVERAGE AND COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AT CONSLUSION OF ECHEVERRIA VISIT TO USSR (REFTELS), NEITHER SOVIETS NOR MEXICANS WERE COMPLETELY SATISFIED WITH RESULTS OF MEXICAN PRESIDENT' S VISIT.

2. MEXICAN EMBOFF TELLS US THAT ECHEVERRIA HAD HOPED TO GET SOVIET SIGNATURE ON PERTINENT PROTOCOL TO TREATY OF TLATELOLCO, PARTICULARLY SINCE MEXICANS HAD ASSUMED FAVORABLE SOVIET ATTITUDE TOWARD CONCEPT TO NUCLEAR FREE ZONES. ECHEVERRIA WAS THEREFORE DISAPPOINTED TO HEAR FROM SOVIETS THAT THEY " NOT PREPARED AT THIS TIME" TO SIGN, AND WAS ANNOYED BY SOVIET REFUSAL TO GIVE FURTHER EXPLANATION. ECHEVERRIA PIQUE OVER THIS QUESTION WAS REFLECTED IN MEXICAN FAILURE TO INCLUDE INVITATION FOR RETURN VISIT TO SOVIET

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LEADERSHIP IN COMMUNIQUE; OUR SOURCE, WHO WAS DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN DRAFTING COMMUNIQUE, SAID HE RECEIVED SPECIFIC INSTRUCTION TO EXCLUDE MENTION OF RECIPROCAL VISIT BY SOVIETS.

3. MEXICAN EMBOFF SAID LAW OF THE SEA QUESTION WAS NOT DISCUSSED DURING VISIT BECAUSE BOTH SIDES ALREADY AWARE OF SHARP DIFFERENCES IN ATTITUDE.

4. SOVIETS REPORTEDLY CAME FORTH WITH EXTREMELY LONG DRAFT COMMUNIQUE CONTAINING DETAILED VIEWS ON NUMEROUS INTERNATIONAL ISSUES INCLUDING ASIAN COLLECTIVE SECURITY AND COLONIALISM IN AFRICA. MEXICAN SIDE, HOWEVER, INSISTED ON SHORT COMMUNIQUE CONCENTRATING ON BILATERAL ISSUES WITH NO MORE THAN BRIEF MENTION OF NON- BILATERAL ISSUES.
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